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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Public response is important to the settlement of the lawsuit against Microsoft. I am writing in support of this settlement. I think it is in the best interest of the industry to settle this issue and move forward to solve the economic problems that face our industry and country.

In the future I hope that all litigation brought against technology companies, including forcing companies to release source code to third party software developers, is carefully scrutinized and fair. There exists a big difference between those companies that invest tremendous resources over many years to develop unique products -- and those who simply copy the work of others.

Sincerely,

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